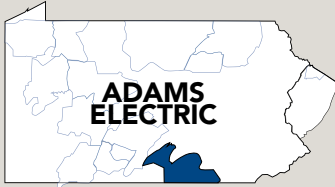




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From the CEO/General Manager



The state of the co-op

By Steve Rasmussen

GOOD EVENING, MEMBERS!

Retired co-op employee Terry Hancock used to say that every time I introduced him at a member meeting. He'd smile and wave to the crowd. I miss those nights that our co-op family could eat, talk and spend the evening together.

Every year, I would give what our communications team has suitably named my "State of the Co-op" address, bringing you up to speed on all things cooperative since we were last face-to-face.

Since we still can't gather in person, I hope you watched our virtual member meeting online at adamsec.coop/2021-virtual-member-meeting. It's a great place to catch up with your board president, Election Committee chair, director candidates and me. I'll share some highlights from my virtual presentation here.

My focus was on how your cooperative continues to address its mission of providing safe, reliable power at competitive rates, and how we're improving the quality of life in the communities that we serve, despite an ever-changing environment. Regardless of the challenges in 2020, we experienced one of our best years for reliability. We have great programs in place — inspecting poles, clearing rights of way, checking transformers and other equipment that's on the lines. Whether by truck, drone, or helicopter, our employees assessed and made system repairs quickly, efficiently, and safely. I'm proud of our employees and everything they do to serve our members.


Another thing I reported is that we had a really great year in relation to rates. Bottom line, our rates remain stable! Since 2017, we have seen about

a 3.3% overall increase in rates. In some years, only realignments have occurred, meaning some charges went up while others went down, so the overall amount paid was relatively the same. I'm pleased to report that looking forward, the same trend should continue.

The energy supply market (the electricity flowing through our lines) looks stable, also, so I am not expecting anything major to occur with that part of the bill either. There is always something that could happen in the market, but right now the future looks secure.

On the distribution side, we may need to make some small adjustments based on increases in material costs, like poles and wires, but again, nothing major is predicted. We will continue to keep members informed if a need for increases does arise.

Last, but not least, is the support we provide to improve the lives of those living in our communities. During the pandemic, few community groups were getting together in person, and virtual meetings just aren't the same. We couldn't do as much in person, and we missed it! We're still supporting our community organizations the best we can through donations, and that will continue. Community will always remain a big part of our mission. We look forward to the second half of 2021, and hopefully all of 2022, when we can get out and about in the community again.

As always, if issues arise, I'm here and so are the other 76 employees of the cooperative. This is your co-op, you own it, and we want you to be happy with the service it provides. 

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Great summer getaway, closer to home

By Thomas Hand, Penn Lines Correspondent

THE WEATHER'S getting warmer, and the days are getting longer, meaning that it's almost time to put your vacation plans into action. But you don't have to travel across the country to experience a great summer getaway. In 2020, a co-op member, Gettysburg Farm RV Campground in Dover, was awarded Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice Award, ranking it among the top 10% of all accommodations listed on the site.

"People love this park for the friendly staff and the quiet, peaceful setting," says Chris Deardorff, the campground's manager. "We are a working farm with horses, cows, pigs, chickens, goats, sheep and alpacas. People say that they feel welcome and at home here."

A Dover resident himself, Deardorff has been working at the campground for 17 years now and has been manager for the past four. His own grandparents were among the first to camp at the park back in the 1970s when the land was still privately owned by the family of Harris and Evelyn Horn, who lived there with their two children. In the summer, they'd have family picnics along the Conewago Creek and even-

tually they decided to build some campsites there. Originally, there were 70 sites and a bathhouse.

With 249 campsites, Gettysburg Farm RV Campground now has all the amenities needed for a fun and comfortable stay. There are RV hookups, showers, laundry facilities, hiking, fishing, a swimming pool, a mini golf course and more. But what makes the park truly unique is the fact that it's operated alongside a working farm, giving guests an opportunity to interact with animals and experience crops being grown and harvested.

"Some folks don't like hearing the rooster crow at 4:30 in the morning," says Deardorff. "There are also some smells that the guests don't like. However, in the spring when the sheep and goats are having babies, it melts everyone's heart."

Last year, because of the coronavirus, the campground had to cut down on recreational activities, limit access to indoor spaces and incur extra cleaning costs to ensure the safety of its guests. And though Deardorff believes that the start of this season will be very similar to last, he's optimistic that the pandemic will subside and restrictions will begin to lift as the summer reaches its peak.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has had an undeniable impact on lives and businesses across the country, it's done nothing to stop people's enthusiasm for the great outdoors. In fact, RV sales are up 30% since the pandemic started. This can pose a challenge to



FARM AND FAMILY: Gettysburg Farm RV Campground is a working farm today. It began as a dairy farm owned by the Horn family, who opened it up to campers in the 1970s.

the campground, as first-time campers may have difficulty maneuvering their RVs or may have misconceptions about camping in general. Still, Gettysburg Farm RV Campground is always glad to see new faces enjoying the park, and staff members are on-site to ensure that guests have a positive experience regardless of their camping know-how.

Gettysburg Farm RV Campground began as a dairy farm run by the Horn family. In 1984, Harris Horn, a former co-op director, sold the property to Outdoor World and in 2008, the campground was acquired by Thousand Trails, which operates 81 parks across the U.S. The season runs from April to October with different events and activities planned for each weekend. Glow Golf, which happens during Mother's Day weekend, is always a big draw, as are the Tractor Show and the Barnyard Olympics, which are both being held from July 30-Aug. 1.

For additional information or to reserve a camping site, simply search for Gettysburg Farm RV Campground at thousandtrails.com. 🌞



TRAVEL TIME: This York County campground, a member of Adams Electric Cooperative, offers 249 sites spread across 120 acres, all situated on the Conewago Creek.

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Join us for a drive-thru 'meeting'

This announcement constitutes the official notice of the Adams Electric Cooperative Drive-Thru Annual Meetings, to be held over three days in the cooperative's district office locations, from May 17-19, from 2-6 p.m. No formal presentations will be offered.

All attendees must remain in their vehicles. Pre-registration is required. A registration form was mailed with your election ballot around April 1.

Take-home meals will be provided to those present. Also available to each membership will be a copy of the cooperative's annual report, including financials, a member gift, and a ballot for any membership that as of



that date has not participated in the director election. Lightbulbs may be exchanged as well, up to 10.

There will be a reserved pull-off area for members who would like to ask specific questions of cooperative

personnel or board members. However, those in this area must also remain inside their vehicles.

Those memberships that complete the drive-thru circuit will receive a bill credit, applied directly toward their electric bill in the next billing cycle (June).

Memberships registered by the end of April will receive a confirmation postcard by mail the week of May 10. PLEASE bring this card with you to the drive-thru event. It will have a personalized barcode that will need to be scanned. It will also list your registration location and assigned timeslot.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-726-2324. ☎

Is ACRE Co-op Owners right for you?

ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® (Co-op Owners) is a nonpartisan political action committee designed to direct financial contributions from co-op members to legislators who actively support issues of importance to electric cooperatives. Co-op Owners is a part of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), a political action committee founded by members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which has collected contributions from co-op members across the nation since 1966.



Co-op Owners supports candidates for state and federal office who speak for and protect the interests of electric co-ops and their members. The group aims to provide a voice for electric cooperatives at all levels of government.

As a member of Adams Electric, you are among the more than 42 million Americans who can claim ownership in a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution utility. By joining Co-op Owners, you can support those legislators who support cooperative programs and initiatives.

The cooperative program will be facing many challenges in the coming year, from policy shifts in energy and environmental arenas to continued pressures on how cooperatives operate. Co-op Owners helps protect these cooperative efforts by connecting us with our legislators as we work to provide safe, reliable power at competitive rates and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. Maintaining a strong grassroots presence in the political process is critical to the long-term success of electric cooperatives.

Help your cooperative support local legislators who help improve the quality of life in rural areas. Consider a Co-op Owners membership, starting at \$2.08 per month payable on your electric bill. Call 1-800-726-2324 for more information or an application. ☎

Scholarships available to 10 members

Adams Electric offers college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to cooperative members with their name on the account who have been accepted into (or are attending) a post-secondary school or accredited training program. Applications will be accepted online through July 31 at adamsec.coop.

The co-op works in partnership with the Adams County Community Foundation to administer these scholarships.

Applications are reviewed and recipients are nominated by Adams Electric's Scholarship Committee in August of each year and then recommended to the board of directors for final selection. Winners are typically announced in early September.

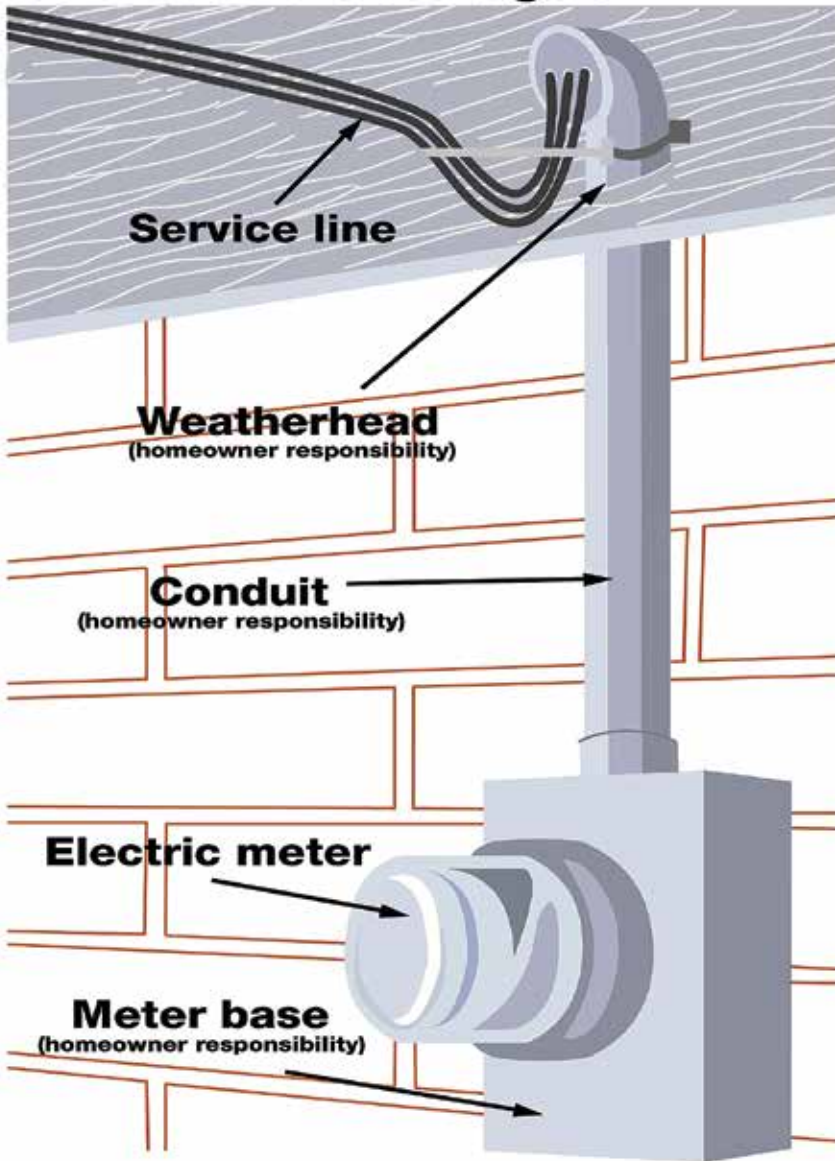
Scholarships are awarded from unclaimed Ownership Rewards monies. They are not affected by rates. For details, eligibility and to apply, visit adamsec.coop.



NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUND YOUR COOPERATIVE

If your electric service is damaged



SAFETY FIRST: In May, electric cooperatives across the country promote electrical awareness to coincide with National Electrical Safety Month. Every year, thousands of incidents occur due to electrical hazards. It is critical that our members understand their home's electrical system and the safety concerns associated with bringing electricity into the home. With newer technologies, such as solar panels, electric vehicles and more electrical gadgets in the home, individuals need to ensure they have an electrical system that's compatible with the increased load. The diagram above helps remind members that should something go wrong with parts of the overhead electrical system coming into their home, they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of certain portions of the power structure, as well as an electrical inspection that approves the repairs completed. For more information, contact the cooperative at 1-800-726-2324.

Strausbaugh steps up

Congratulations to lineman Jake



Jake Strausbaugh

Strausbaugh, who was promoted to journeyman first class in March. Strausbaugh started with the co-op in 2014 as a first-year apprentice in the Gettysburg District.

Open for appointments

As of April 5, the cooperative has reopened its doors to the membership, visitors and guests **by appointment only**. All offices can now accept clients during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. You must have a mask on to enter any co-op facility, have an employee escort while on site and you may be required to show ID for security reasons. All account functions can be maintained without on-site visits by calling 1-800-726-2324 or by logging on to adamsec.smarthub.coop.

Members Welcome

**By
Pre-Scheduled
Appointment
Only**

Mask and ID Required.

To schedule an appointment, call the co-op at 1-800-726-2324 in advance.



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MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Always assume lines are energized and dangerous. If you see a downed line, call the co-op at 1-800-726-2324. Never attempt to move the line, or tree or branch that brought it down.

Summer storms with their thunder and lightning can be as dangerous and destructive as winter storms. Always be prepared to weather the storm and have a storm safety kit ready.

Items to include:

- ✓ A cord-based telephone or cell phone
- ✓ A cooking source which can be used outdoors
- ✓ Battery-powered/portable clock
- ✓ Battery-powered/portable radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Bottled Water (three-day supply)
- ✓ First-aid kit with current supplies, including needed medications
- ✓ Flashlight and fresh batteries
- ✓ Non-perishable foods, non-electric can opener
- ✓ Small cooler
- ✓ Specialty items, such as baby items or extra clothing, or battery back-up systems for medical equipment
- ✓ Surge suppressors to protect sensitive electronic equipment
- ✓ Tool kit



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adamsec.coop to learn more storm and electrical safety tips.